

**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

COMMITTEE: Quality Data Committee **DATE:** August 25, 2010
Recorder: Peter Guerrero, WestEd CPEI

PRESENT: Arleen Downing, Fran Chasen, Gretchen Hester, Lois Pastore, Shane Nurnberg

ABSENT: Susan Graham, Michael Miguelgorry, Jill Abramson, Janet Hill, Wanda Davis, Edward Gold, Tammy DeHesa

GUESTS: Pam Quiroz, DOE, Jeannie Smalley, DDS and Cindy Arstein-Kerslake, Visitor

LIAISONS: Debbie Benitez, WestEd CPEI

MEETING NOTES

- **INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME:** Gretchen Hester called the meeting to order and welcomed the members of the committee. Members of the committee introduced themselves.
- **AGENDA REVIEW:** Agenda reviewed and approved with the addition of completion of OSEP surveys, and discussion of the OSEP determination letter (regarding California's Part C program determined to be at rank 2 of OSEP's 4-rank system) effect on data and monitoring.
- **CHAIR'S REPORT:** During the previous month, as promised, Arleen had distributed via e-mail an historical review of data-related activities/information pertinent to this committee since 02/09 to present. Hard copies were distributed to committee members. This information was reviewed and discussed. (Attachment to minutes).
- **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April minutes were reviewed and approved.
- **ACTIVITIES and WORKPLAN:**
 - Review of most commonly used evaluation tools: DDS Liaison, Michael Miguelgorry was not able to be present, but he provided a technical assistance handbook entitled Evaluation and Assessment, February 2002. The document listed the various tools that were available for use across the Early Start system. The Data Committee is requesting that DDS provided information on the 4-6 tools or assessments to determine functional age that are used most frequently across the Early Start system in the state. (Michael Miguelgorry has indicated to the Chair that he will

plan to provide this information at the next committee meeting in November.)

- Obtain Data from all ICC Agencies serving 0-3 children: numbers served, and services provided:
 - Pam Quiroz from DOE presented on how many children 0-3 are served. On the DOE website there is a “data quest” link which provides all information for kids with IFSP’s and IEPs by age group and disability. Approximately 6000 children 0 through age two are in the California system at any point in time. Of interest was the category, SLI—speech and language impaired, increased at every year of age. (At 3 years of age, 18,000 had been identified while at 5 years of age 28,000 were identified with this disability. She shared a print out with pertinent information (attached) specific to kinds of primary disabilities represented and served by the DOE and those shared with the Regional Center System. Discussion ensued about various issues including the importance of comprehensive evaluation and assessment, the reluctance of some parents to have the child identified as a regional center consumer early in life, decreased identification of children designated as emotionally disturbed and increased identification with autism, the unique ways data is collected from DOE and DDS, the lack of special education training for preschool teachers—may be important for DRP Access results, and the amount of instructional and related services provided for these children. Regarding additional questions on data Chris Drouin, at CDE, could be contacted.
 - Susan Burger from Department of Managed Health Care (per written note to Arleen Downing) indicated that data is not recorded specifically regarding whether the child is in 0-3 age group.
 - Madeline Journey-Lynn of Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (per written note to Arleen Downing) indicated that the department does not serve 0-3 children directly. Arleen’s response was that updated information on the number of “mothers served” would be informative.
 - Data from Other ICC Agencies Needed:
 - Department of Social Services
 - Department of Health Care Services
 - Department of Public Health
 - Department of Mental Health
- Review Monitoring Plan: Trends and Findings including review of “Indicator 9—General Supervision System”: compliance, supervision, verification. (See APR for 2008 submitted Feb. 2010)
 - There is a new monitoring protocol and new team doing monitoring. APR indicated concerns about noncompliance, corrective action,

and verification. Need information on current noncompliance issues compared with APR data. (Current information not available at this meeting)

- OTHER BUSINESS:

- OSEP Determination Letter: Concerns were discussed regarding California's rank 2 for the second year. Rick Ingraham's Message from Part C Coordinator August 2010 was reviewed.
- Time was allowed for completion of the OSEP Survey forms.
- Review Committee membership: need representative from Department of Education; need psychologist;

- AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Request DDS to provide data on Prevention Program and ES: Numbers served and distribution of funds to regional centers and FRC's.
- Request DDS to provide information on the most frequently used assessment tools used to determine functional age in regional centers and progress in implementation of best practice. Discuss strengths and weaknesses of the tools.
- Request DDS/ Regional Center psychologist to attend next Data Committee meeting to provide information on assessment of "social interaction" in Early Start child.
- Request update on DDS Monitoring plan and General Supervision System (Indicator 9).
- Request data of additional ICC Member departments as noted above
- Review Committee Workplan and unaddressed issues
 - Solely low-incidence disabilities: monitoring and reporting on services
 - Agreements to facilitate data sharing
 - Status of Early Start report (implementation date 11/2010?)
 - How is regional center self-assessment & verification program working?
 - What has been the change in behavioral intervention services since there has been the requirement for "evidence based services"?
 - Due to the shortage of providers has there been a change in the time before services are started after the IFSP is completed?
 - Review of diagnostic category and Early Start services per regional center for possible information on regional differences, type of service, intensity of services. (Data committee 2/25/2010 & APR information)

- ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.